

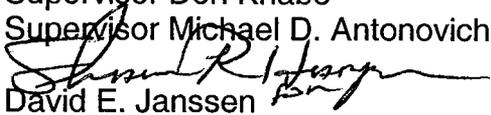


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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

New Assembly Speaker

The Assembly Democratic caucus has chosen Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez as its next Speaker. Attached is the announcement by current Speaker Herb Wesson, which notes that the two “would be meeting to discuss a timeline for the transition.”

Senate Budget Hearing

The Senate Budget Committee met today to hear about the Governor’s budget proposals from Legislative Analyst Elizabeth Hill and Mike Genest, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance (DOF). The DOF Director, Donna Arduin, did not attend today’s hearing, but Senate Budget Chair Senator Chesbro requested that she be present when the committee reconvenes at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003. State Treasurer Phil Angelides also is expected to attend Tuesday’s hearing.

Senator Chesbro said that the Legislature wants to work with the Administration to resolve California’s fiscal crisis, but that it is the Administration’s responsibility to present specific budget proposals for the Legislature’s review. Mr. Genest indicated that the \$15 billion bond and spending cap proposals should be available sometime next week, but that the January budget will offer more specific details to bridge the remaining \$10 billion in debt. Given the Governor’s commitment to protect education, legislators are concerned that health, social services, and other vital programs will be the target of significant reductions.

The Education Coalition testified in opposition to the Governor's bond proposal being placed on the March 2004 ballot along with the \$12.3 billion education bond which has already qualified. It fears that the public would not approve the nearly \$30 billion in bonded indebtedness in a single election. The Coalition also would oppose moving the education bond to the November 2004 ballot.

Special Session Schedule

The Senate is expected to meet on Monday, November 24, 2003 at 4:00 p.m., and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 to continue hearings on the State Budget.

The Assembly Insurance Committee will meet on Friday, November 21, 2003 to continue discussion on workers' compensation reform. The Assembly is on call for next week.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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WESSON ANNOUNCES NUNEZ TO BE NEXT ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

SACRAMENTO – Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson (D-Los Angeles/Culver City) announced today that the Democratic Caucus has united behind Assemblymember Fabian Nuñez (D-Los Angeles) as the next Speaker of the California State Assembly.

“Fabian Nuñez is my choice for Speaker, and the choice of my caucus – and he is an outstanding choice,” Wesson said. “He has the talent, the intelligence and the energy the Assembly needs to help guide this state through this time of change.”

Speaker Wesson said that taking the unusual step of naming a member in his first term as Speaker would help foster stability in an era of term limits.

“Despite the enormous challenges we have faced, this is the best job I’ve ever had,” Wesson said. “I’m happy to be turning the Speakership over to someone who shares my commitment to civil rights and opportunity for every Californian.”

Speaker Wesson said he and Assemblymember Nuñez would be meeting to discuss a timeline for the transition.

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